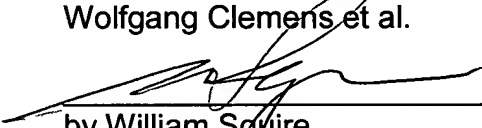


REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are active. Claim 8 is new. Minor amendment is made to the specification and to certain of the claims to improve their form and eliminate improper multiple dependencies. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due, however, any fee due for this paper or overpayment is respectfully requested to be charged or credited to deposit account 03-0678.

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